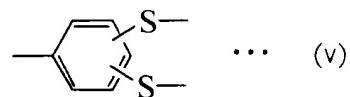
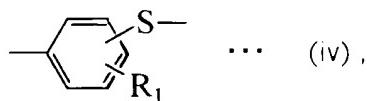
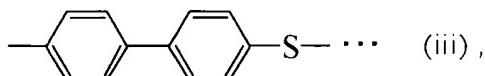
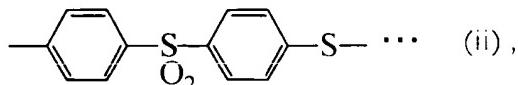


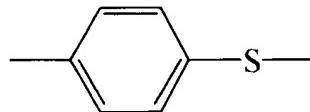
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wherein R₁ represents an alkyl group, a nitro group, a phenyl group or an alkoxy group.

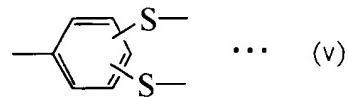
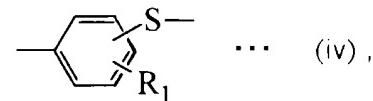
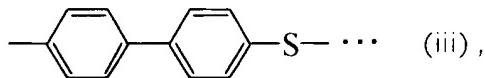
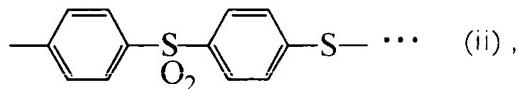
20. (New) The melt-blown, non-woven fabric according to claim 18, wherein said polyarylene sulfide is a homopolymer or a copolymer mainly composed of an arylene sulfide repeating unit represented by the following general formula:



said arylene sulfide repeating unit being 70 mol% or more, based on all the repeating units in said polyarylene sulfide, and said arylene sulfide repeating unit being substituted in a range

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